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1. During his stay in Argentina, Henry Kissinger acceded ~~accepted~~ to a request to meet briefly with Dr. Nehemias Resnizky, president of the Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentina (DAIA), the umbrella organization which speaks in the name of 150 Jewish associations throughout the country. Resnizky said that there were manifestations of anti-semitism during the late government of Mrs. Peron emanating from government officials. After the current military regime took over in March 1976, there was fear in the Jewish community that the Graiver scandal would degenerate into a general wave of anti-semitism against the community as a whole. With the help of the US government and the US and Israeli Embassies, this danger was averted.

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2. The current government maintained close relations with the DAIA, Resnizky contended, and it was extremely sensitive to the image it projected with regard to its relations with the Jews. There were strands of anti-semitism in the country which originated in Catholic school catechism and military traditions, but the government was not anti-semitic. It was a matter of disconcertment for the DAIA that a campaign of vilification was being mounted against the government from Europe which alleged a systematic policy of anti-semitism on the part of the GOA. The message the DAIA wanted to get across was that these accusations were false. The Jewish community in Argentina did not wish to cry "wolf" when there was no current danger. If it did, the outside world might not listen if a real problem were to develop. Should this happen, the DAIA would rise to the occasion by sounding the alarm, Resnizky affirmed, and then would hope for the support of the Argentine people and government.

3. Dr. Kissinger inquired about the case of publisher Jacobo Timerman. Resnizky thought Timerman had been unjustly accused of subversive connections. It was difficult to judge why this had happened, but the fact he was Jewish had not


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